(b) If so, whether the Government propose to set up more nursing training centres so as to increase the number of trained nurses; and

(c) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (c). There is an overall shortage of qualified nurses in the country. It is proposed to give high priority to the expansion and strengthening of nursing education in the Eighth Plan.

**Cost Overrun of Railway Projects**

*587. SHRI SHARAD DIGHE
SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of railway projects which have registered steep cost and time overrun in the current year;

(b) the details regarding escalation of cost in case of each project; and

(c) the steps taken for speedy implementation of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c). The amount of escalation is known only when the revised estimates are sanctioned and therefore only those projects for which revised estimates were sanctioned in 1991-92 have been listed.

Major ongoing projects costing over Rs 20 crores each, revised estimates for which were sanctioned in the year 1991-92, because of escalation in cost are listed below

| Sl. No. | Name of project | Year in which sanctioned | Cost as estimted originally | Cost as revised in 1991-92 | Expected date of completion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. | Mankhurd-Belapur Rail Line Project | 1983-84 | Rs. 120 crores | Rs. 287.11 crores | December 1992. |
| 2. | Electrification of Bhopal-Nagda Section | 1982-83 | Rs. 53.24 crores | Rs. 102.26 crores | Section has been energised in March, 1992. |
| 3. | Rohatak-Jakhal Doubling Phase-I (76 Km) | 1981-82 | Rs. 19.55 crores | Rs.58.27 crores | September, 1992. |

Cost escalation has occurred mainly because of paucity of funds In the case of Mankhurd-Belapur project, delay also occurred because of problems in getting land cleared from encroachments, and this matter was constantly taken up with the State Government.

**National Scholarships**

*588. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to revise the raters of National Scholarships in consanance with the rise in price index from time to time;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of times the rates of various scholarships have been revised so far?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). The rate of scholarship under the National Scholarships Scheme have been revised three times during 1974, 1981 and 1988. There is no proposal at present to further revise the rate of National Scholarships.

[*Translation*]

**Maternal and Child Health Centres**

*589. SHRI SURESHANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Maternal and Child Health Centres at present, State-wise;

(b) the total number of such Centres propose to be opened during the financial year 1992-93, State-wise;

(c) whether foreign assistance is available to these Centres; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (d). There are no Meternal and Child Health Care centres. However, there are Sub-centres which provide Maternal and Child Health Services to the rural population. The State-wise position of number of Sub-centres functioning in the country is given in the attached statement.

No, new Sub-Centres are proposed to be sanctioned in 1992-93.

Foreign assistance is available for construction of sub-centres under Area Projects being implemented in 15 States to strengthen the infrastructure for delivery of family welfare services.

**STATEMENT**

*No. of Sub-centres functioning*

| *Sl. No.* | *State/UT* | *Total No. Functioning 31.12.91* |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 7894 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 173 |